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House Medicaid Reform Proposal Passes Appropriations Committee

Tallahassee, Fla. – Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee, today released the following statement regarding the House Medicaid reform proposal, House Bills 7107 and 7109, passing the House Appropriations Committee.

"Members of the legislature, the public and the medical community have recognized the urgent need to reform our state's broken Medicaid program. The Medicaid program in its current form is unable to guarantee access or deliver quality care to Floridians, and the cost to the state to maintain the program continues to rise at an unsustainable rate.

"The House Medicaid proposal, which is the product of months of gathering input from stakeholders and building on the principles outlined in the Joint Medicaid Memorial passed by the House and Senate last fall, is a common-sense reform plan that will offer long-term viability, as well as ensure access to quality care.

"If the Legislature takes no action, the current Medicaid program will continue to hemorrhage the state budget to the serious detriment of all other programs. I commend my fellow members for passing the House Medicaid reform proposal today, and am confident that this proposal will continue to gain support."

For more information on HB 7107 and 7109, please visit the <u>Florida House of Representatives</u> website.

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